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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RELATIONS WITH NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT

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1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING NOTE ON
SEPTEMBER 24 AFTER AMBASSADOR DAVIS' RETURN:

2. QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE
NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 12 FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
BY WHICH THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS
INFORMED THAT A MILITARY COUNCIL HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE, THAT THIS COUNCIL WILL
RESPECT THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF CHILE, AND THAT
THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE DESIRES TO MAINTAIN THE BEST
POSSIBLE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.
I HAVE THE FURTHER HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO RECIPROCATATE
THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
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OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE

RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END
QUOTE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PRESS QUERIES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL
INDICATE THAT THE US EMBASSY HAS ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT
OF CHILE OF OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

WITH CHILE. IF ASKED WHETHER THIS ACT CONSTITUTES
DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, WE WOULD
SAY THAT IT SIMPLY INDICATES A CONTINUATION OF OUR
RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. WE WOULD INDICATE
THAT IN RECENT YEARS THE DEPARTMENT HAS DEEMPHASIZED
RECOGNITION QUESTIONS, PLACING EMPHASIS INSTEAD ON
WHETHER OR NOT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CONTINUE. IN THIS
CASE WE WOULD NOT SAY THAT THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION
DOES NOT ARISE, BUT WOULD INDICATE THAT WHEN WE
CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY, AS IN THIS INSTANCE,
IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF
RECOGNITION AND IT HAS NOT BEEN OUR PRACTICE TO DO
SO. KISSINGER

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